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Dear Sir:

In order to minimize the filing fee, please amend the above identified patent application as follows before calculating the filing fee.

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims **3 to 10 and 13 to 24**.

Claims **1, 2, 11 and 12** are maintained for calculating the filing fee.

REMARKS:

After calculating the filing fee, please further enter the accompanying Second Preliminary Amendment which introduces new claims **25 to 47** for examination.

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